

The Press and Banner

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The Loss of Our Bridges.

Although reports are to the effect that nearly every bridge in the County has been washed away, or damaged, yet no meeting of the County Commissioners has been had up to the time of going to press.

The public are greatly inconvenienced by every hour's interruption of travel, and the business interests of the different trade centers will suffer by every day's delay in action looking to the restoration of public highways to a possible condition.

As thirty days notice is required before any contract can be let, the importance of prompt action will be seen, and when it is remembered that this is the beginning of the season for marketing the crops, the necessity for building our bridges is imperative. Thirty days from now will bring the tenth of October, and before any contractor can commence work, and if two or three weeks are required to build a bridge then it will be the first of November—the time when a great portion of our crops has been harvested.

It might also be well for the County Commissioners to consider the propriety of building some good and substantial bridges, that would stand the storms and floods for many years. It would seem needless to put up a bridge that is not expected to stand longer than the next freshet.

It might also be well for the County Commissioners to consider the propriety of making fords across some of the small streams.

We would not seem to the County Commissioners to be merely throwing out suggestions for what they may think they are worth, but we would rather make them prompt action, but that what it may, is desirable.

The Very Naughty, Naughty "Register."

The Columbia Register in discussing the recent State Convention and making a note of certain of Richardson's chances for re-nomination, divided the Convention into "Democrats" and "Tillmanites," claiming that "Democrats" would vote solidly for Richardson, and "Tillmanites" would vote solidly for Tillman. That same naughty paper speaks of the ring-embosoming combination of Tillman, Russell, McElree & Co., having had the effect of solidifying the Democratic party in Charleston.

Now, did the Register have authority for setting off the Tillmanites to separate, and for gaining them into a third political party? Are we to have a third political party in South Carolina in this year of grace, or did the Register perpetrate a joke? We are quite sure that the Democracy of the Tillmanites, though possibly few in number, has never been doubted hereabout, and we think the Register should hasten to correct any wrong impression it may have made upon the public mind to the effect that any number of our delegates had gone to Columbia to organize a new party against the interests of the orthodox Democratic party in South Carolina. Why does the Register seek to separate, and to divide the Democracy of the Tillman Democrats? Why not let the Democratic party remain a unit as long as possible? Why hasten the needless division?

"The Country Editor."

The Charleston World, some two or three weeks ago, published an original article under the heading:

"The Country Editor: A man whose mind is never at rest, whose work is never done—Labor that makes an Editor old before his time."

That article has worried us. The general drift of the piece would seem to be in real earnest and in sympathy with our country editors whom the writer thinks has a hard time. His pictures of the country editor's hard times and hard work is so different from our own experience that we are tempted to ask if the World was poking fun at country editors, or whether the World was merely dreaming, or whether it was ill-informed as to the actual facts. Our country editors are next to nothing to do. He can almost edit a newspaper at odd times. To gather up seven or eight notices, and sandwich them between patent medicine reading notices, and to write an article or two on the probability of a foreign war is just the easiest thing in the world, except perhaps to get off an original joke on the Congressional Record, which, as a rule, is worth all the reading matter received at a country printing office.

The Tax-Dodger's College.

The News and Courier notes the fact that the recent State Convention gave no expression of opinion as to what action the State should take in reference to the proposed Tax-Dodger's College in Oconee.

We think the Convention acted wisely. When the people of the State were asked to reflect upon the matter we are quite sure that the apparent need for the manual labor school will not be as real as is now supposed. The State of South Carolina gives free tuition to poor boys in the South Carolina College. This is even better than allowing a boy to earn his tuition fees at work in the field.

There is, on general principles, more humbuggery about scientific farming than anything else on the face of the earth. If a scientific farmer had a five thousand dollar apparatus it would cost him more than \$100 to take to analyze a single clod of dirt. When we remember that there is no regularity of our soil, it is easy to see that it would require a great deal of money to get the scientific value of each separate clod on even a very small farm.

Eight-Page Papers.

We like the plan of printing newspapers on eight-pages, even if the pages are small. The Greenville Tribune and the Summerville News are only five columns to the page, but we like the eight-page paper. It is easier to handle and there seems to be more on eight pages than on four pages. A greater number of advertisements can get head of a column, and greater room for "big heads" is given.

In the Printing Business Again.

We notice by last week's issue of the Aiken Recorder that Mr. J. E. McCracken is now associated in the publication of that paper. Mr. McCracken is a practical printer, and will be an acquisition to the Recorder office. Mr. McCracken is a native of this county and has many friends hereabout who will be pleased at his prosperity.

Save the Corn.

In our article last week on harvesting the crops, it was urged that corn should be in the crib as early as possible. The recent freshet will impress the importance of the suggestion. Corn which has sufficiently hardened to "glaze" will save if the stalks are cut and put in shocks. If our farmers had employed sometime in cutting and hauling their corn from the bottoms thousands of bushels of corn would have been saved that is now lost.

Judge Thurman while speaking to an immense assembly of people in New York.

Thursday night was attacked by a fainting spell. The papers inform us that the attack was not serious. It seems to us that Blaine or some other of those Radical fellows, had a similar attack at a church about four years ago. That occurrence we believe has furnished Democratic newspapers with the opportunity to ridicule Mr. Blaine. The question now is, how will they regard this attack of Thurman?

THE STORM AND FLOOD.

Great Loss Entailed on all Classes and Conditions of Men—Prospects for an Extra Tax to Build Bridges.

THIRTEEN inches of water have fallen within two weeks. Heavy rains have fallen in all parts of the State, and great damage to farms, crops, railroad property, public bridges and public roads has been sustained.

At Abbeville on Sunday night to Monday morning seven and four-tenths inches of water fell, being the heaviest rainfall ever known in this county.

The streams in this county have been from four to six feet higher than ever before. The water has done great damage to the people remaining in doors all day Sunday. None of the churches were opened for service of any kind.

The wind and rain together, it seems, has leveled an acre of corn.

The roads and farms everywhere are fearfully washed.

At Abbeville the bridge over the river was washed away. The river at Abbeville was reported to be 300 yards wide, and six feet higher than normal.

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THE STATE CONVENTION.

THE OLD STATE OFFICERS RENOMINATED.

None Had Active Opposition Except Gov. Richardson—The Tillmanites Being Beaten at the Start, Gave up the Fight After Governor Richardson was Nominated.

Renomination of Lieutenant Governor or Mauldin.

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shall, the nominee for secretary of State, at predecessor, Col. Lettner, and spoke of the great loss to Democratic councils which had been sustained by his death. He promised to be completed by his distinguished predecessor. [Voice: "You have done it." Applause.] As one of the great Democratic leaders of South Carolina, he had pledged his powers to the maintenance of the party in this State which meant not only the preservation of the Government to South Carolina, but to the Union. [Great applause.]

MAJOR HAMBURG'S SPEECH.

Treasurer Hamburg, when introduced, was received with a warm and hearty welcome.

Adjutant and Inspector General M. L. Bonham, Jr., was the next speaker. He paid a high tribute to the memory of his predecessor, Gen. A. M. Mangum, and he tried to fill his place and carry out the plans of his predecessor.

On Capt. Dawson's motion the district delegates who were asked to select candidates for district electors and members of the State executive committee, reported the names.

First District—F. C. Bowers, of Charleston, elector, James F. Izlar, of Orangeburg, W. H. Brawley, of Charleston and W. J. Bonham, of Charleston, members of executive committee.

Second District—Claude E. Sawyer, of Aiken, elector, F. C. Bowers, of Charleston, elector, James F. Izlar, of Orangeburg, W. H. Brawley, of Charleston and W. J. Bonham, of Charleston, members of executive committee.

Third District—W. O. Bradley, of Charleston, elector, James F. Izlar, of Orangeburg, W. H. Brawley, of Charleston and W. J. Bonham, of Charleston, members of executive committee.

Fourth District—George W. Gage, of Charleston, elector, James F. Izlar, of Orangeburg, W. H. Brawley, of Charleston and W. J. Bonham, of Charleston, members of executive committee.

Fifth District—George W. Gage, of Charleston, elector, James F. Izlar, of Orangeburg, W. H. Brawley, of Charleston and W. J. Bonham, of Charleston, members of executive committee.

Sixth District—Richard Singleton, of Charleston, elector, James F. Izlar, of Orangeburg, W. H. Brawley, of Charleston and W. J. Bonham, of Charleston, members of executive committee.

Seventh District—Richard Singleton, of Charleston, elector, James F. Izlar, of Orangeburg, W. H. Brawley, of Charleston and W. J. Bonham, of Charleston, members of executive committee.

Eighth District—Richard Singleton, of Charleston, elector, James F. Izlar, of Orangeburg, W. H. Brawley, of Charleston and W. J. Bonham, of Charleston, members of executive committee.

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Eleventh District—Richard Singleton, of Charleston, elector, James F. Izlar, of Orangeburg, W. H. Brawley, of Charleston and W. J. Bonham, of Charleston, members of executive committee.

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Extracts from Christian Neighbor

What Went with It?

Up to this writing we have heard nothing of our enquiry as to whether the money paid in redemption of the bills of the Bank of the State has ever been accounted for. While we have no doubt satisfactory statements can be made, yet up to this time, it seems that the Treasurer of Abbeville County is the only one of the Treasurers who has made a full and complete settlement. The newspapers could furnish this much information, but beyond that they have not gone.—Abbeville Press and Banner.

If, as the Press and Banner believes, that "satisfactory statements can be made" about that money, why do not those concerned make haste to do it; or come out and show that there is no money to be accounted for.

The Chairman of the Arkansas Prohibition State Executive Committee claims that 40 counties of that State have gone against license, and says that whiskey had a great deal to do with the raid on the ballot boxes at the State Capital. The boxes carried away were from precincts having large prohibition majorities.

There was a heavy frost throughout New England, Northern New York and Michigan on the night of September 6. The canning interests have suffered greatly.

Washouts on many railroads in the State have caused a slight interruption of travel.—C. & G. R. R., Spartanburg & Asheville, Chester & Lancaster.

The Congaree, September 7, was nineteen feet above low water mark, and bottom lands along the river are flooded. Though the loss is less than in 1886 it is very heavy.

A flood in the New River September 6 carried away the big iron bridge of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad at Grand View.

The Citadel's Debt to the State.

After very properly complimenting Senator Hampton on the manner in which he "managed the matter of obtaining compensation for the Government's use of the Citadel" in Charleston, the News and Courier says the amount "will enable the west wing to be rebuilt, will put the academy on a sure foundation, and will make it again as commodious an institution of the kind as can be found anywhere."

Our contemporary seems to have overlooked the fact that the amount of this claim was pledged to State eight years ago if the Legislature would make an appropriation to re-open the institution. This was the plea offered by the advocates of re-opening the Citadel Academy, and the trustees are in honor bound, as soon as they obtain the amount of their claim against the government to turn it over at once to the State treasury.

The I. N. G.

The State of Iowa has no patent upon any scheme of robbery for the support of the militia. It has not therefore the merit or demerit of originality. It borrowed the scheme from older states; states that were rotting with corruption when Iowa was in its swaddling clothes.

If there is one abomination on earth greater than another it is an army in training for war. We will not say that an army, or a nucleus of an army can be dispensed with by nations, but it is to the discredit of men and a disgrace to the 19th century that they are deemed as much a necessity to-day as at any period in the world's history.

It is not to be wondered at, that a relic of barbarism such as a state militia, should be corrupt. That vile systems breed only corruption is as true as that a "good tree bringeth forth good fruit," and by the same unchangeable and everlasting law. We shall not be surprised, therefore, to find that a skeleton of a military company with headquarters in this city has systematically robbed the treasury.—Iowa Citizen.

The Japanese's Good Qualities.

A recent writer in Japan suggests that we should, instead of sending them missionaries, ask the to send us a batch. He says: "The Japanese are temperate. To a visitor tea, and not alcoholic liquors, is offered. There are no standing bars in Japan, and no public drinking of liquors that intoxicate. The Japanese are polite. Their honesty is attested by the fact that the shop is often left by the proprietor with nobody in while he goes to a distant part of the city. There are no bolts and bars on public or private houses. The Japanese are humane. Horses are rarely beaten, and oxen drawing loads have awning fastened over them. Cattle for slaughter are carefully led. Gunning for sport is unknown. At school, the children of nobles are poorly dressed, to avoid injuring the feelings of poorer children. They are also remarkably hospitable and courteous."—Globe-Democrat.

Mr. Michael Murphy, a member of the Ontario Base-Ball Club, was killed during a ball game on Sunday. Resolution were passed unanimously by the club, the preamble of which contained these words: "Whereas, the Great Ruler of the universe has entered our organization and taken our beloved brother, Michael Murphy, to the happy home above; and although we bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we feel that we have sustained a great loss." The above clipped from the N. Y. ADVOCATE, sets before the public base-ball plety and a base-ball tribute of respect. No of this State.

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Constitution of the South Carolina Peace Society.

For the information of inquirers and others, we publish below the Constitution of the South Carolina Peace Society:

PREAMBLE:

We, the subscribers, knowing that war causes a vast amount of expense, cruelty, suffering, destruction of property and life, vice and crime, and believing war to be directly contrary to the gentle, meek, compassionate and peaceful Spirit and gospel of our Divine Savior; the Prince of Peace, and that it is his will that war should cease throughout the world, and also believing that it is the immediate duty of all men to be co-workers with God in extending the kingdom of peace among men, do, therefore form ourselves into a Society for the Promotion of Peace, and accept the following

CONSTITUTION:

ARTICLE I.—This Society shall be called THE SOUTH CAROLINA PEACE SOCIETY.

ART. II.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall constitute a Board of Directors. In conjunction with whom shall be added one member from each County represented in this Society, to be elected by the officers in the intervals of the annual sessions